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SENATE BILL

No. 1248

**Introduced by Senator Lara
(Coauthor: Senator Wyland)**

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 52074 of the Education Code, relating to public schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1248, as amended, Lara. California Collaborative for Educational Excellence.

Existing law, on or before July 1, 2014, requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to adopt a local control and accountability plan and requires the governing board of each school district and each county board of education to update its local control and accountability plan on or before July 1 of each year. Existing law requires of charter schools something similar to a local control and accountability plan.

Existing law establishes the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence for the purpose of advising and assisting school districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in a local control and accountability plan.

~~This bill would specify additional roles for the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence, including providing ongoing recommendations to the State Board of Education regarding how and~~

~~if school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools are making progress in closing the pupil achievement gaps in their schools with respect to specified categories, providing recommendations as to the best practices being used to close the achievement gap, and providing recommendations on the collection and analysis of data that can provide comparisons of local control and accountability plans and pupil achievement data, and comparisons of schools of comparable size, type, and pupil demographics also require the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence to report to the State Board of Education by October 15, 2015, with recommendations for methods, study designs, and data needs for systematically evaluating the effectiveness of local control and accountability plans in closing the achievement gap and achieving specified state priorities, and with recommendations for methods for the statewide identification and dissemination of best practices in that regard. The bill would provide that certain moneys appropriated in the Budget Act of 2013 may be applied to the preparation of the report.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 52074 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 52074. (a) The California Collaborative for Educational
- 4 Excellence is hereby established.
- 5 (b) The purpose of the California Collaborative for Educational
- 6 Excellence is to do ~~all~~ *both* of the following:
- 7 (1) Advise and assist school districts, county superintendents
- 8 of schools, and charter schools in achieving the goals set forth in
- 9 a local control and accountability plan adopted pursuant to this
- 10 article.
- 11 ~~(2) Provide ongoing recommendations to the state board~~
- 12 ~~regarding how and if school districts, county offices of education,~~
- 13 ~~and charter schools are making progress in closing the pupil~~
- 14 ~~achievement gaps in their schools identified and measured pursuant~~
- 15 ~~to paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of subdivision (d) of Section~~
- 16 ~~52060, with respect to school districts, paragraphs (4), (5), (6),~~
- 17 ~~(7), and (8) of subdivision (d) of Section 52066, with respect to~~

1 county offices of education, and similar provisions referenced in
2 Section 47606.5, with respect to charter schools, respectively.

3 ~~(3) Provide recommendations to the state board as to the best~~
4 ~~practices being used by school districts, county offices of~~
5 ~~education, and charter schools to close the achievement gap relative~~
6 ~~to pupil achievement as measured pursuant to paragraphs (4), (5),~~
7 ~~(6), (7), and (8) of subdivision (d) of Section 52060, with respect~~
8 ~~to school districts, paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (7), and (8) of~~
9 ~~subdivision (d) of Section 52066, with respect to county offices~~
10 ~~of education, and similar provisions referenced in Section 47606.5,~~
11 ~~with respect to charter schools, respectively.~~

12 ~~(4) Provide recommendations to the state board on the collection~~
13 ~~and analysis of data that can provide comparisons of local control~~
14 ~~and accountability plans and pupil achievement data for school~~
15 ~~districts, county superintendents of schools, and charter schools,~~
16 ~~and comparisons of schools of comparable size, type, and pupil~~
17 ~~demographics.~~

18 *(2) Report to the state board on or before October 15, 2015,*
19 *with recommendations for both of the following:*

20 *(A) Methods, study designs, and data needs for systematically*
21 *evaluating the effectiveness of local control and accountability*
22 *plans adopted pursuant to Section 52060 in closing the*
23 *achievement gap and achieving the state priorities established in*
24 *subdivision (d) of Section 52060.*

25 *(B) Methods for the statewide identification and dissemination*
26 *of best practices.*

27 (c) The Superintendent shall, with the approval of the state
28 board, contract with a local educational agency, or consortium of
29 local educational agencies, to serve as the fiscal agent for the
30 California Collaborative for Educational Excellence. The
31 Superintendent shall apportion funds appropriated for the California
32 Collaborative for Educational Excellence to the fiscal agent.

33 (d) The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence
34 shall be governed by a board consisting of the following five
35 members:

36 (1) The Superintendent or his or her designee.

37 (2) The president of the state board or his or her designee.

38 (3) A county superintendent of schools appointed by the Senate
39 Committee on Rules.

40 (4) A teacher appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

1 (5) A superintendent of a school district appointed by the
2 Governor.

3 (e) At the direction of the governing board of the California
4 Collaborative for Educational Excellence, the fiscal agent shall
5 contract with individuals, local educational agencies, or
6 organizations with the expertise, experience, and a record of
7 success to carry out the purposes of this article. The areas of
8 expertise, experience, and record of success shall include, but are
9 not limited to, all of the following:

10 (1) State priorities as described in subdivision (d) of Section
11 52060.

12 (2) Improving the quality of teaching.

13 (3) Improving the quality of school district and schoolsite
14 leadership.

15 (4) Successfully addressing the needs of special pupil
16 populations, including, but not limited to, English learners, pupils
17 eligible to receive a free or reduced-price meal, pupils in foster
18 care, and individuals with exceptional needs.

19 (f) The Superintendent may direct the California Collaborative
20 for Educational Excellence to advise and assist a school district,
21 county superintendent of schools, or charter school in any of the
22 following circumstances:

23 (1) If the governing board of a school district, county board of
24 education, or governing body or a charter school requests the advice
25 and assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational
26 Excellence.

27 (2) If the county superintendent of schools of the county in
28 which the school district or charter school is located determines,
29 following the provision of technical assistance pursuant to Section
30 52071 or 47607.3, as applicable, that the advice and assistance of
31 the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence is
32 necessary to help the school district or charter school accomplish
33 the goals described in the local control and accountability plan
34 adopted pursuant to this article.

35 (3) If the Superintendent determines that the advice and
36 assistance of the California Collaborative for Educational
37 Excellence is necessary to help the school district, county
38 superintendent of schools, or charter school accomplish the goals
39 set forth in the local control and accountability plan adopted
40 pursuant to this article.

1 *SEC. 2. Moneys appropriated for the California Collaborative*
2 *for Educational Excellence in Item 6100-106-0001 of Section 2.00*
3 *of the Budget Act of 2013, as amended by Section 53 of Chapter*
4 *32 of the Statutes of 2014, may be applied to the preparation of*
5 *the report required by paragraph (2) of subdivision (b) of Section*
6 *52074 of the Education Code.*

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